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County-Attorney Rountree's Views on the Proposed Abandonment of Township Organization.

Mon. W. C. Condy Explains His Advice to Dave Thornton in the Matter of the South Town Infamy.

A New Plan Proposed by Prominent Republicans for the Elec-

**The Solicitude of Beveridge and Cullom
for the Interests of Logan.**

speaking population performances of this nation ought to be highly successful.

CHICAGO, April 9.—Permit me to reply to your editorial of this morning upon the subject

editorial of this morning upon the township organization. The statement it contains, that I have undertaken to render the Town officers a service, is entirely without foundation.

As you are no doubt aware, it has been claimed for two or three years that township organization was abolished in Cook County by S

7. Art. 10. of the Constitution of Illinois. The section is as follows: "The county affairs of Cook County shall be managed by a Board of Commissioners of fifteen persons, ten of whom shall be elected from the City of Chicago and five from the towns outside of said city, in ac-

The Supreme Court, at its last September session, decided that township organization was abolished in this county.

designated by law, namely, by presenting to County Board a petition, duly signed, request them to submit the question to the people of entire county at the next fall election, and Board's submitting it.

If township organization should be abolished the Sheriff of the county becomes the Collector of the taxes, and the County Treasurer becomes the Assessor.

In the county towns throughout the country the desire to retain township organization, far as I have been informed by prominent

sens from the country, is as universal as is desire in the city to abolish it. There is a variety of opinion among prominent members of the legal profession as to whether township organization can be abolished in O County, by reason of the foregoing constitutional provision. If the attempt is made to abolish it next fall, and the warrants for collection of the revenue are delivered to the Sheriff, it is very clear that the collection of that revenue will depend entirely upon the final determination of the courts.

The Supreme Court of the question of our power to abolish township organization, and if that decision should be adverse to the power, the session cannot be collected.

Instead of expressing an opinion upon the question, as you seem to think I have, I have said to members of the County Board, when I have consulted me upon the subject, that as much as this dot of ground in the midst of the very acknowledged ability, and inasmuch as the law was not perfectly clear, I thought it safe course to have the petition presented to the Board at an early day, for the Board, as a

matter of form, decline to call an order of the Supreme Court into question. The Supreme Court let an application be made for a mandamus, upon an agreed statement of the facts, and the court can and would be in ample time to permit the question to the people at the polls. If a similar case were brought, it could be done. We would then have a decision of the Supreme Court upon the subject, and the question would be forever saved from peril.

It seems to me that every prudent citizen at once see the propriety and wisdom of such course of proceeding.

There is no opinion any practical necessity for township organization within limits of Chicago, nor have the least doubt as to your estimate of the situation notwithstanding. I do not believe the Council has the least desire to thwart the will of the people upon this subject.

Yours truly,
JAMES M. BOWMAN

After the reception of this letter Mr. Rootree, a reporter called upon Mr.

He said if it should be concluded to be prudent to have the Supreme Court determine in advance whether township organizations could be abolished in Cook County, and the secure the collection of the revenue, he would advise the making of an agreed case, at least possible expense and without delay, that the Court might determine the question.

his law session at Mount Vernon. In order to do so, it is believed he would, as usual, advise the preparation and presentation of a petition, signed by the requisite number of the legal voters of the county. The county Board of Supervisors, at the next week's. He had no disposition to resist the application for a mandamus, as suits are ordinarily resisted, but would be willing for the Sup Court to decide the matter, rather than argue it if it would do so. He believed, however, the application for a mandamus would be opposed by some of the citizens. As he knew, where township organization was rare, in a more favorable light, and in some instances as a necessity.

THE SOUTH TOWN FRAUD.

DECIDEDLY REFERRING

is Dave Thornton's explanation made to the reporter. Thornton, who was selected by

ballot-box stuffers as the fittest man of the
to do the work, and by them was should
a Moderator of the South Town meeting
it, who himself from the start and through
the whole rascally business was a
placidly admits that he "thinks" there
frands in the election. He adds that he
nothing to do with them. That, of course,

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are the headquarters of all these, established right to be numbered among them and to be as active as any of them. They have plundered the Silkstockings, cannot fail to be appreciated.

"The honest folk, in plain English, it is, carefully explains, you must be hard reprobates, for taking his thieves and burglars away with the regular police force, the Police Ward, and, as a "side-show," the "honest folk" of old Idiotum, while the honest workers, three or four, are exposing them in improvised boxes. If you are honest, you are a villain, and for not busting up Glasgow, they have laid the rest of the ballot-stuffers and stuffed the rest of the ballot-boxes with "honest" performances undoubtedly he and the interesting feature of his incident is his cool and collected manner, unpermeated, and that he knew it! The frankness with which his confusion is continuously suggested by the audience, and "What are you going to do about it?" says the speaker's utterance.

On the subject of the "honest folk" in the Glasgow, April 8, a notice in the Glasgow

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